

Little Known Facts

- 1** Storm drains **DO NOT** protect the fish, streams and rivers.
- 2** Storm drains **DO NOT** treat the water that flows into them.
- 3** Storm drains **DO NOT** prevent flooding when clogged.

We each play an important role in keeping our storm water clean. The largest source of storm water pollution in Utah results from everyday activities. You can make a difference...

only rain goes down the drain!

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for discharges allowed under a UPDES permit or waters used for emergency firefighting operations.

The following items **DO NOT** belong down storm drains:

- RV Disposal
- Pet Waste
- Grass Clippings
- Soapy Water
- Trash
- Leaves, Debris and Dirt
- Household, Yard and Automotive Pollutants

We All Live
Downstream



Clean Stormwater Systems =

- Aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods
- Clean kept rivers, lakes, and streams
- Prevention of flooding of personal property
- Prevention of damaging public infrastructure
- Strengthened economy offering healthy recreational opportunities



MORE INFO:

Sandy City Storm Water Division
801-568-7280

sandy.utah.gov/stormwater
waterquality.utah.gov/UPDES/stormwater

STORM DRAINS

EXPLAINED

What goes here:



Ends up here:



Twelve Wise Tips

Prevent pollutants and debris from entering our storm drains



1 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS HINTS

Dispose of any household hazardous waste at Public Works or at landfills (go to sandy.utah.gov for locations and event dates). Evaporate rinsewater from painting supplies.



2 CARWASH CAR CARE

Do not wash your vehicles on the street or in your driveway. Take your cars to the carwash or wash on your lawn.



3 RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycle antifreeze, motor oil and other fluids at an approved drop-off facility.



4 PET POO VOODOO

Pick up your pet's waste every time! Grab it, bag it, dispose of it!



5 LITTER LOWDOWN

If you see litter by storm drains, clean it up and trash it.



6 NOZZLE NECESSITY

Prevent water run-off when not in use by simply using a nozzle on garden hoses. Sweep your patio and driveway instead of hosing them off.



7 ABSORBENT AIDS

For spills or leaks, use absorbent materials for clean up and dispose of properly.



8 SPRINKLER SET UP

Make sure all yard sprinkler heads are adjusted to spray vegetation only to avoid all paved surfaces.



9 STOCKPILE SUPERVISION

For yard landscape stockpiles that must be stored short-term on the sidewalk or street, be sure to cover and completely contain with sediment controls (like tarps).



10 DIRECT THE DOWN SPOUT

Make sure your raingutter downspouts are directed away from paved surfaces.



11 SPARINGLY SPRAY

Limit spray areas and amount when using pesticides and herbicides.



12 GET IN THE GREEN GROOVE

Green waste is all biodegradable such as lawn clippings, hedge trimmings or general yard debris. It belongs in the BLUE CAN (or BLACK CAN for those who receive service through Salt Lake County), never in the gutter, storm drain or street.

Protect Our Community Resources

If you see illegal dumping in or around storm drains, please contact Sandy City Storm Water Division:

801-568-7280